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NOAA'S Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary seeks Advisory Council applicants

NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for 2 seats on its advisory council, which ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

The sanctuary is accepting applications for non-consumptive recreation alternate and business member.

Candidates are selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and views regarding the protection and management of marine resources. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms.

The advisory council consists of 21 voting representatives and 21 alternates, representing the general public, a variety of public interest groups and county, state and federal agencies.

Applications are due March 1. For further information, please contact council coordinator Michael Murray by e-mail at Michael.Murray@noaa.gov, or by phone at 805-884-1464. Application kits can be downloaded from the sanctuary's website.

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1980 to protect marine resources surrounding San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa and Santa Barbara islands. The sanctuary spans approximately 1,470 square miles, extending from island shorelines to six miles offshore, and encompasses a rich diversity of marine life, habitats and historical and cultural resources

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